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Dear Ms Dennett

Inquiry into the Military Court of Australia Bill 2012 and Military Court of Australia (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012

Thank you for your letter dated 3 July 2012 inviting a submission to the Inquiry.

There are only two matters that we wish to mention.

First, the Court was closely consulted during the development of the legislation and there are no surprises in it.

Secondly, the suggestions made by the Court during the course of the consultation about operational issues have resulted in changes to the proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely

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